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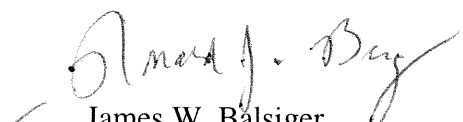
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Mr. Ron Josephson, Alaska Mark Coordinator
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Dear Mr. Josephson:

I would like to thank you for the excellent tour provided by your staff to members of the U.S. and Chilean delegations on July 29, 2004. The detailed, behind the scenes, operational tour of the Mark, Tag and Age Lab was much appreciated by members of the delegations. Thank you for helping to make the Seventh Session of the United States - Chile Fishery Cooperation Talks a success. Special thanks are extended to Detliff Beutlner, Cathy Robinson, Kray VanKirk, Dion Oxman and Bev Agler who provided information to the delegations and answered their questions. I appreciate the efforts of the Mark, Tag and Age Lab staff.

Sincerely,


James W. Balsiger
Administrator Alaska Region

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